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GENEVA AND AFTER

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1. ABBA DBAN TOLD SENATOR MATHIAS ON APRIL 14 THAT
THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL MUST WORK OUT A JOINT
STRATEGY FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. LOOKING BEYOND THAT,
THE U.S. AND ISRAEL OUGHT TO AGREE ON WHAT STEPS WILL
THEN FOLLOW THOSE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT.
EBAN BELIEVES THOSE EFFORTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO MEET WITH
SUCCESS BECAUSE THE ARABS ARE NOT READY TO ACCEDE TO
THE ISRAELI AND U.S. UNDERSTANDING OF PEACE ("BUT
WORLD OPINION REQUIRES US TO GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS").

2. EBAN SAID THAT IT IS THE ARABS, NOT THE ISRAELIS,
WHO SHOULD BE PRESSURED ON THE ISSUE OF PALESTINIAN
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REPRESENTATION AT A GENEVA CONFERENCE. "WE WENT TO
GENEVA WITHOUT THEM IN 1973, AT A TIME WHEN THE
PALESTINIANS PLAYED A MORE CENTRAL ROLE IN ARAB
CIRCLES THAN AT PRESENT," EBAN ASSERTED. HE ALSO
EXPRESSED DOUBTS WHETHER THE ARABS AND THE SOVIETS
ARE REALLY COMMITTED TO THIS IDEA (OF PLO REPRESENTATION).

3. EBAN ALSO WONDERED WHETHER "WE ARE USING THE TERM 'GENEVA' WITH TOO MUCH EXCLUSIVITY." HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE U.S. COULD AGAIN ACT AS MEDIATOR, IN FURTHER INTERIM AGREEMENTS, BETWEEN ISRAEL-EGYPT, ISRAEL-SYRIAN, AND ISRAEL-JORDAN.

4. COMMENT: EBAN'S REMARKS SQUARE WITH WHAT WE TAKE TO BE THE PREFERENCE OF THE GOI LEADERSHIP FOR FURTHER INERIM AGREEMENTS, RATHER THAN EFFORTS TOWARDS AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. THAT PREFERENCE HAS BEEN MUTED IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS RECENTLY, PARTICULARLY SINCE RABIN'S RETURN FROM HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, BUT HAS BEGUN TO BE EXPRESSED AGAIN. SEE SEPTTEL FOR A REPORT ON PERES' REMARKS OF A SIMILAR NATURE TO VISITING CANADIAN DEFENSE MINISTER.

5. MEMCON OF EBAN-MATHIAS CONVERSATION POUCHED TO NEA/IAI.
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